

AMENDMENT TO [S.2803]

Section 2 of [S.2803] is amended by striking “3 years” in the first sentence [of the text of proposed 316(b)(2)(F)(ii) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act] and by inserting in lieu thereof “15 months”, and by striking in the third sentence “Such alternative shall approximate” and inserting in lieu thereof: “Such alternative shall include a wireless one-way medium and shall approximate”.

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Section 2 of [S.2803] is amended by striking “; and” [at the end of proposed section 316(b)((E)(iii)(III) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act] and inserting in lieu thereof “;” and by inserting [before the period at the end of proposed section 316(b)(E)(iii)(IV) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act] the following:

“and,

“(V) The Secretary shall –

“(aa) establish a program to randomly check at least 5% of the field samples of each model of self-rescue device used on a regular basis in underground coal mines no less frequently than every six months, in order to ensure that the self-rescue devices in coal mine inventories are working in accordance with the approval criteria for such devices;

“(bb) require a manufacturer of a self-rescue device to contact the Secretary immediately upon notification of any potential problem with such device; and

“(cc) notify immediately all operators of underground coal mines if the Secretary detects or is advised of any problems with the self-rescue devices”.

AMENDMENT TO S. 2803

Section 2 of [S.2803] is amended by inserting [in proposed new Section 316(b)(2)(E)(iii)(I) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977] after the word “time” the following --

“and in no event for less than 48 hours”